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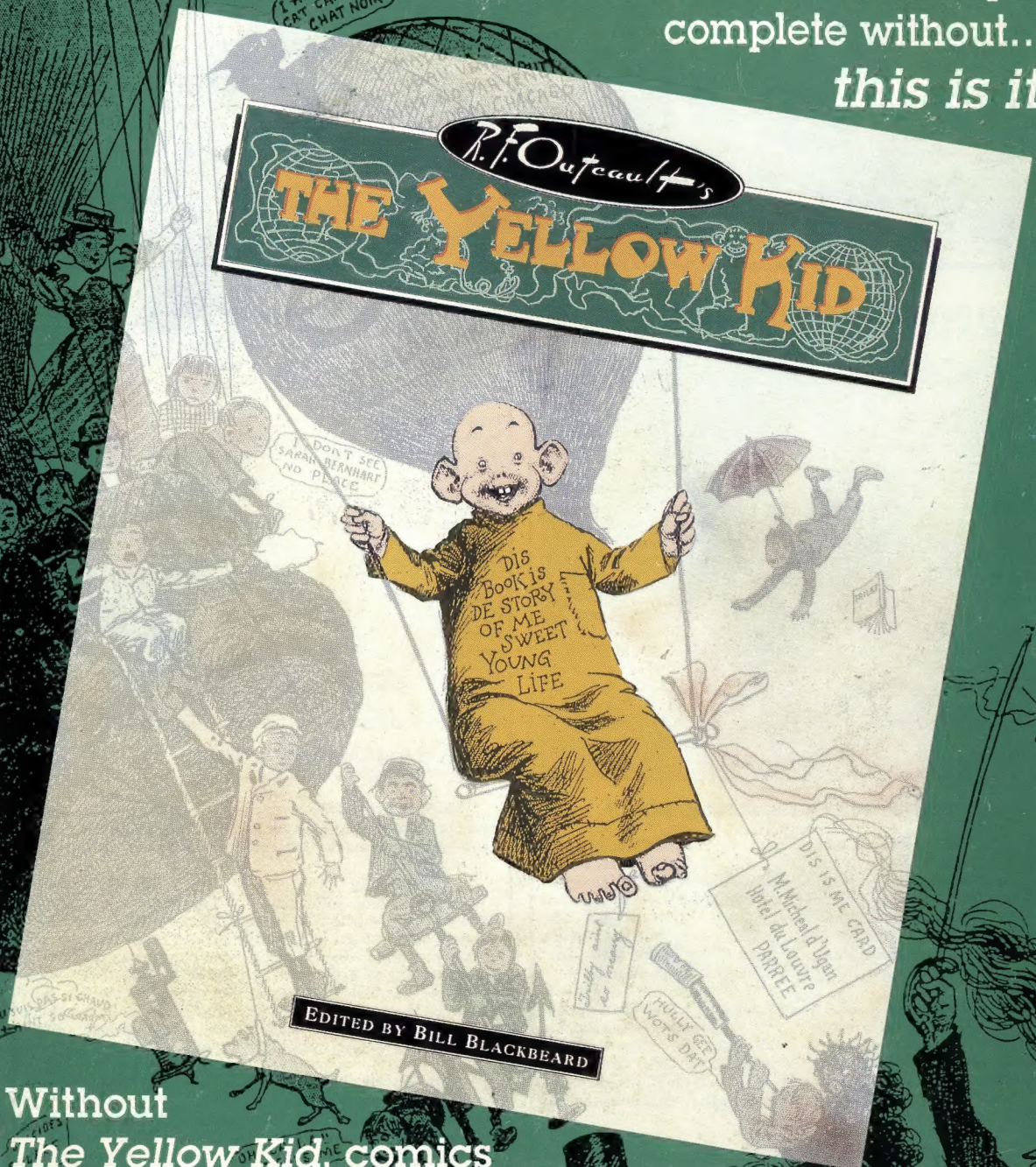

Without *The Yellow Kid*, comics wouldn't even exist. Now America's first comic strip is collected for the first time in a complete, oversized, full color edition!

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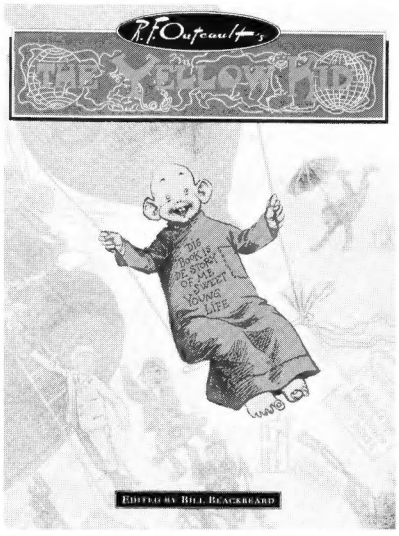

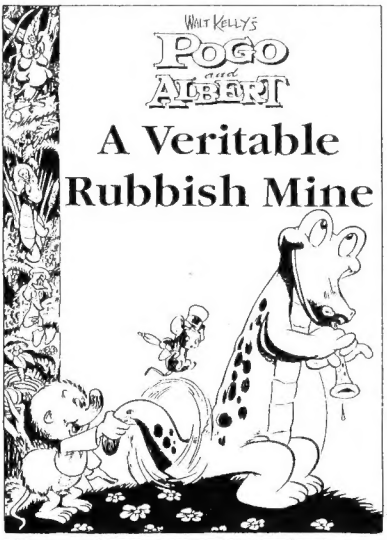

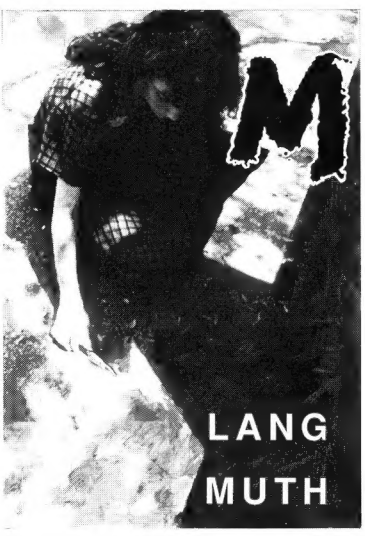

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☆☆☆ ECLIPSE BOOK OF THE MONTH! ☆☆☆

_____ **The Yellow Kid** **$49.95/$59.95 Canada**
Story & Art: R. F. Outcault **164 pp, 11x13 hardcover album**
Text: Bill Blackbeard **including 80 pp. color section**

The Yellow Kid collects for the first time in a single volume all of Outcault's Yellow Kid work, from seminal spot gags in the cartoon magazine *Truth* through *Hogan's Alley* (drawn for Joseph Pulitzer's New York *World*) to *The Yellow Kid* (drawn for William Randolph Hearst's New York *Journal*). Included are examples of the Kid's broad employment in mass merchandising, and samples of artist George B. Luks' continuation of *Hogan's Alley* for Pulitzer. Noted comics historian Bill Blackbeard, curator of the San Francisco Academy of Comic Art, provides the book's introduction and extensive commentary, revealing the significance of the strip as well as its largely unknown, and occasionally scandalous, history. According to Blackbeard, "The American comic strip first attained definitive form on October 25, 1896, with the publication of 'The Yellow Kid and His New Phonograph.' *The Yellow Kid* started it all, and no comics library will be complete without this volume.

DECEMBER 1990: REID FLEMING MONTH

_____ **Reid Fleming Poster** **$8.95/10.75 Canada**
Art: David Boswell **22 x 34 Color Poster**

To celebrate Reid Fleming Month we're delighted to premiere this 22" X 34" full color poster by David Boswell, featuring all of the key characters from the cult classic: Reid himself, Mr. Crabbe, Cooper, and Mr. O'Clock. Watch in awe as The World's Toughest Milkman soars his van through the Milk, Inc. billboard and stops two delivery vans with his bare hands!

_____ **Reid Fleming vol. 1 #1 (5th printing)** **$2.50/$3.00 Canada**
Story & Art: David Boswell **b&w Deluxe Format**

Once more we re-present the "extra wide" issue that started it all. If you've been afraid to try Reid in the past, here's your chance to get in on the ground floor. Meet Reid, his girlfriend Lena Toast, and his boss Mr. O'Clock—and find out why Reid is The World's Toughest Milkman.

_____ **Reid Fleming vol. 2 #2 (3rd printing)** **$2.00/$2.50 Canada**
Story & Art: David Boswell **b&w Deluxe Format**

Has Reid finally gone too far? When our hero destroys one too many milk trucks, Mr. Crabbe finally gets his wish—to fire Reid. Will Reid Fleming become the World's Toughest Cable Installer?

_____ **Reid Fleming vol. 2 #4 (1st printing)** **$2.00/$2.50 Canada**
Story & Art: David Boswell **b&w Deluxe Format**

Reid, Cooper, and Spim are out of work and wanted by the police. Will Reid's endearing personality win him back his milk delivering job, or result in further mayhem for Mr. O'Clock and everyone at Milk, Inc? You find the answer in the penultimate issue of the *Rogue to Riches* saga.

☆☆☆ SHIROW'S LATEST MANGA ☆☆☆

_____ **Appleseed Book 4 #1** **$3.50/$4.25 Canada**
Story & Art: Masamune Shirow **64 pp, b&w Prestige Format**

Our most popular Japanese manga—Masamune Shirow's *Appleseed*—is back! In Book 4, the going gets tougher as terrorists from Munma, a radical Islamic state so extreme that its leaders consider Iran decadently liberal, have infiltrated Olympus—just as a shady international rogue terrorist has convinced renegade body-armor engineer Dr. Slade to produce a super Landmate twice the size of existing models. Deunan and Briareos receive orders to locate the various terrorist factions penetrating the city-state and prevent the disruption of a scheduled peace conference between the rival Imperial Americana and the United States Soviet Socialist Republics.

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_____ **Eclipse Extra! #75** **$6.00/ bundles of 100**

Find out about the books on our March schedule with this *Eclipse Extra*—including the first issue of Tim Truman's *The Spider*.

_____ **Bull's Eye #9** **$2.95/$3.55 Canada**
Art: all your favorite cartoonists **72 pp, b&w newsmagazine**

Bull's Eye goes to war! This issue features editorial cartoons on the most controversial subject of all—armed conflict. Containing up to the minute editorial cartoons on the Persian Gulf crisis, plus historical cartoons from 1914, 1939, & 1964--three years which preluded the major wars that changed America. Also scheduled is an interview with David Suter, one of the premiere editorial illustrators of his generation, whose graphic observations have appeared in *Time* and *The New York Times*.

_____ **Lost Continent #4** **$3.50/$4.25 Canada**
Story & Art: Akihiro Yamada **64 pp, b&w**
Translation: Alan Gleason & Toren Smith **Prestige Format**

The excitement continues when The Council of the Trustees of The Earth announce their invasion of the Lost Continent. Meanwhile, Naruse and Mizushima are attacked by a pterodactyl in downtown Tokyo—and as Hazekura and Hinata make their way to the main underground city, an unknown sorcerous power forces their airship to crash!

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_____ **M [Book Three of Four]** **$4.95/$5.95 Canada**
Story: Thea von Harbou & Fritz Lang **48 pp, Color**
Adaptation and Art: Jon J Muth **Prestige Format**
In the third volume of *M*, the murderer eludes pursuing criminals and takes refuge in an office building. But though the outlaws quickly deduce their prey's hiding place, their leader, Shränker, refuses to notify the police. Rather, he orders the criminals to pose as lawmen and take the kindermörder themselves! Thus the scene is set for the bizarre climax to this classic tale—as the city's theives, pickpockets, pimps, and burglars put the child-killer on trial.

☆☆☆ **FINAL MOORE *MIRACLEMAN* OPUS** ☆☆☆

_____ **Miracleman Book 3: Olympus** **$12.95/$15.55 Canada**
Story: Alan Moore **128 pp, Color**
Art: John Totelben **Graphic Album**
Continuing directly from the end of *Book 2: The Red King Syndrome*, Miracleman himself picks up the narrative, describing the intervention into Earth history of the Qys and Warpsmith galactic dynasties. Originally sent to police the "theft" of alien technology used to create the Miraclebeings, the extraterrestrials change strategy upon learning that Miracleman has successfully sired the child Winter. Thus, Earth takes its place among the planet-nations of the cosmos, and a utopian age administered by the Miraclebeings begins—but not before a final confrontation with Bates, Miracleman's merciless arch-enemy. *Miracleman Book 3: Olympus* represents Alan Moore's definitive statement on the omnipotent superhero, an essential part of the *Miracleman-V for Vendetta-Watchmen* triad.

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_____ **Pogo and Albert v. 6** **$29.95/$35.95 Canada**
A Veritable Rubbish Mine **64 pp, Color**
Story & Art: Walt Kelly **Limited Hardcover Album**
The sixth volume of *The Complete Pogo Comics* finds Kelly's artwork and humor reaching a new maturity. This issue contains five stories from *Animal Comics* and *Albert and Pogo*. Now available in a limited clothbound edition—but order quickly; these volumes are produced in extremely small quantities and sell out fast.

_____ **Dirty Pair: A Plague of Angels #4** **$2.00/$2.50 Canada**
Story: Toren Smith & Adam Warren **32 pp, b&w**
Art: Adam Warren **Deluxe Format**
The action continues in typical Dirty Pair fashion: the Angels track down the M-104 "Stealth Robot" to a strip joint where the girls are confused with the dancers; the M-104 escapes (after destroying the bar) and uses its holographic disguise to resemble Kei. Produced for Eclipse by Studio Proteus.

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SHIPPING DECEMBER 26, 1990

☆☆☆ **NEW TRADING CARDS** ☆☆☆

_____ **Stars of the Negro Leagues** **$8.95/$10.75 Canada**
Text: Jack Morelli **box of 36 full-color**
Art: Mark Chiarello **trading cards**
At long last, a truly first class full-color boxed card set commemorating the forgotten black idols who furnished many of baseball's finest moments in the first half of our century. On fields from Harlem to Havana, the athletes of the Negro Leagues persevered through the days of Jim Crow and into the halls of Cooperstown. Mark Chiarello's exquisitely rendered watercolor portraits allow you to look deep into the eyes of the gifted men who performed their wonderous feats in the shadow of the white major leagues that spurned them. Through astounding anecdotes, you will relive the glorious careers of mighty sluggers such as Josh Gibson, Buck Leonard and Oscar Charleston and take the mound with firey and flamboyant hurlers like Satchel Paige, Bullet Rogan, and Smokey Joe Williams. As you delve into this remarkable 36-card set you will become acquainted with a host of golden glovemen, and find yourself privy to an extensive collection of surprising lifetime statistics on baseball's hidden heroes.

_____ **The Magic Flute volumes 1, 2, & 3** **$4.95/$5.95 Canada**
Story: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart **48 pp Color,**
Adaptation: Patrick Mason & P. Craig Russell **Prestige Format**
Offered Again! All three issues of *The Magic Flute*, by award-winning artist P. Craig Russell, are still available. Russell's critically acclaimed adaptation captures the mystery and beauty of Mozart's music and turns it into a spellbinding series for all readers. A farcical tale cloaked in a facade of full-blown fantasy—including dragons, magic, princesses, and the mysterious Fellowship and Followers of Light—*The Magic Flute* is a deceptively simple story, actually comprising complex psychological themes. Lavishly illustrated and beautifully printed, this series can truly be said to have crossed the border between comics and high art.

_____ **Back Down the Line** **$29.95/$35.95 Canada**
Stories: Chris Claremont, Jo Duffy, et. al. **48 pp, Color**
Art: John Bolton **Limited Hardcover Album**
This 48-page, fully painted album opens with Bolton and writer Graham Marks' "The Llehs," which previously appeared in *Epic Illustrated*. Other stories include "Did You Hear the One About the Traveling Ogre and the Mayor's Daughter?," written by Jo Duffy and "Business Hours: Monday through Friday, 9 to 5," written by Chris Claremont. The album ends with Christina Rosetti's "March of the Hobgoblins," a terrifying tale rendered by Bolton in watercolors. Quantities are limited on our hardcover editions because we only print to orders—so order now!

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Introducing Eclipse's new baseball card line!

"Stars of the NEGRO LEAGUES"

A boxed deluxe collector's set of 36 Negro Leagues All-Stars painted in full color by Mark Chiarello. Each card is regulation size and is backed with full biographical and statistical data by sports writer Jack Morelli. Among the 36 players are 11 Hall of Famers, including:

- Satchel Paige
- Monte Irvin
- Buck Leonard
- Josh Gibson
- Martin Dihigo
- Ray Dandridge
- Judy Johnson
- "Cool Papa" Bell

APPLESEED RETURNS!

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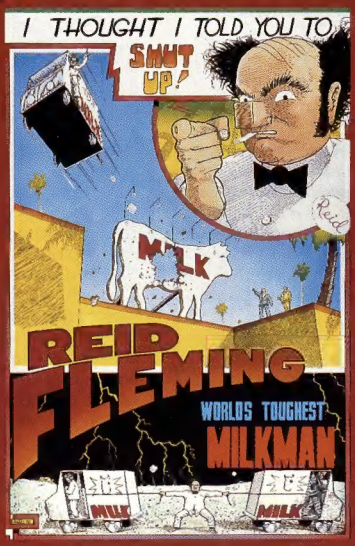

JAPANESE FORCES ANNOUNCE THEIR INVASION OF THE LOST CONTINENT AS PTERADACTYLS ATTACK TOKYO!